Connecting schools through internet

†1058. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking over connecting village-level primary/ middle schools through internet service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme Rs. 15.00 lakhs per district per year is provided for computer aided learning as an innovative component of the programme.

Facts about freedom fighters in the text books

1059. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka and other States have deleted the names of Veer Savarkar and Chandra Shekhar Azad from the list of National icons in the text books;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that facts about freedom fighters are correctly given in the school text books all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The State Governments/ UT Administrations are competent to prepare curriculum framework, syllabi and textbooks for their respective Boards. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) prepares curriculum framework and textbooks on behalf of Government of India but has no authority to prescribe textbooks for any Boards including State Boards.

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